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Students meet Duchene in Ottawa

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Tears welled up in Barb Davies' eyes watching the 40 children, mostly from Wilberforce Elementary School, meet with Haliburton's Matt Duchene after he helped the Ottawa Senators beat the New York Rangers 6-3 in a matinee on Feb. 17 at the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa.

A group of some 40 students and close to 20 of their parents made the one-day round bus trip to Ottawa to see an NHL game. The Highlands' group stayed for close to an hour with Duchene, who answered questions and signed autographs for every boy and girl, including one "little" of a Big Brother pair. Duchene even signed a Toronto Maple Leafs jersey, which had everyone laughing, including him.

Davies, a vice-principal for Wilberforce Elementary School and an educator for 20 years, said it was probably the best field trip she has ever been on. Following the 6-3 win, the students got to meet Duchene.

"Just watching the kids. Eyes looking up at Matt and looking into his eyes. The kids

see TRIP page 1



Hitting the slopes

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 4 student Rye Harris leads a group during the school's Grade 4 to 8 ski/snowboard elective on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride in Eagle Lake. There were 88 participants like Harris, who was skiing for the first time, enjoying the day at the slopes, learning from the Sir Sam's instructors and also getting exercise. See more photos on page 5.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Local teen travels to Sudbury pageant

by NATE SMELLE
Special to the Times

Minden's Jordyn Greer will be joining dozens of young women aged 13 to 26 gathering in Sudbury this May, to compete in the 13th annual Miss North Ontario pageant. The 18-year-old high school graduate was recently chosen to represent the Haliburton Highlands as a delegate in the competition.

After being asked to apply by a representative of the pageant on several occasions, Greer said she wasn't sure whether she wanted to take part in the pageant at first. Researching the pageant's history and purpose, she discovered that the competition was about far more than just physical beauty and decided to apply.

"It's not a typical beauty pageant," she said.

"There is so much more meaning to it than what is initially thought. The goal of this event is to empower the delegates in such ways that they are able to carry the experiences with them throughout their life, and share them throughout their communities."

As a delegate, Greer is responsible for raising \$600 for the advertisement in the pageant handbook, as well as additional funds

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County partners with HHOA to restore Gould's Creek

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Feb. 14 county committee meetings.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) has asked the county for funding support to help restore Gould's Creek.

Funds received by the HHOA will be matched, up to a total of \$155,000 as part of a Department of Fisheries and Oceans stream rehabilitation program.

That program would encourage spawning grounds for brook trout.

The county road committee agreed to shift \$10,000 from the Gelert Bridge project, and \$10,000 from reserves, to help support the funding request.

"The sources of funding are from a re-allocation because rather than completely replacing the deck on the Gelert bridge, we will be replacing rotten boards and then putting a full surface on top (\$10,000) with the remaining \$10,000 coming from our engineering budget where we budgeted approximately \$30,000 to do our bi-annual bridge assessments but the pricing came in at just over \$20,000," said Mike

Rutter, county CAO, in an email to the paper.

Gould's Creek runs from the fish hatchery south, under a township road and under a rail trail.

A culvert replaced within the project would help save the county significant funds by having to replace it themselves.

Liz Danielsen, Algonquin Highlands deputy mayor and county deputy warden, called it a reasonable request, especially given the cost savings to the county, and asked for a report on updates of the project.

"I see it as a good news story," said Craig Douglas, director of public works.

According to the HHOA website, they have also partnered with MNRF, Trent University, Fleming College, Trout Unlimited Canada, U-Links and the Casey Family Property.

Salty roads

As of Jan. 23, 111 loads of salt have been ordered in the 2017/2018 winter season. In comparison, 71 loads were ordered for the 2015/2016 winter season, and 147 loads in 2016/2017.

County public works staff has recommended to council that a group tender for the supply and delivery of untreated road salt be renewed with K & S Windsor Salt. Co.

"Their service has been really good in getting us sort of

real-time deliveries," said Douglas, who explained in the roads committee meeting the county doesn't have storage space for large salt shipments. "When we need it we need it right away."

The renewed contract lists costs as being \$78.09 per tonne of untreated salt and an increase 1.6 per cent in delivery charge from the previous contract with K & S Windsor Salt. Co, which was signed in 2015.

One calendar to inform them all

Tammy Rea and Jim Love headed a delegation during the county tourism committee to share the OurCalendar.ca project, a central community calendar launched to assimilate information about county happenings in one online place.

The committee agreed to take part in the pilot project of the calendar at no cost to determine best practices in making it successful in giving local groups and organizations the chance to plan around each other with more ease as well as give residents and visitors easier access to events in the area. The calendar is available for viewing and participation at OurCalendar.ca.



Firefighters from the fire departments of Minden Hills, Dysart et al and Algonquin Highlands battle a fire at a year-round residence located on Tom Bolton Road on Feb. 13.
/DARREN LUM Staff

Fire destroys Tom Bolton Road home

Nineteen firefighters from Minden Hills, Haliburton and Algonquin Highlands fire departments worked in concert to fight a fire that engulfed the year-round residence on Tom Bolton Road in Minden Hills on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Fortunately, no one was home at the time of the fire.

Minden Hills interim fire chief Mike Bekking said there were no injuries to firefighters or civilians.

First on the scene were the Minden Hills firefighters, who "found a fully involved structure fire with flames showing throughout the building" at 4 p.m., said Bekking.

They requested mutual aid from Haliburton and Algonquin Highlands fire departments.

Bekking said firefighters were on the scene for six hours.

Also on the scene were Haliburton County paramedics and later the OPP.

A cause has not been determined. The residence is a total loss.

- Darren Lum

Fatal fire in Oxtongue Lake

Police are investigating after a body was discovered in a house fire in Oxtongue Lake last week.

The Algonquin Highlands fire department received a call for the blaze just after midnight on Friday, Feb. 16.

"Our department as well as a station from Lake of Bays were involved in the suppression efforts," Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh told the paper in an email. "The OFMEM [Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management] and OPP conducted the investigation with our crews assisting. On-scene work was completed on Friday at approximately 5 p.m."

Cavanagh stressed the importance of ensuring residences are outfitted with functioning smoke detectors.

"A fatal fire is a tragic reminder of the need to have working smoke alarms in your home and cottages," Cavanagh wrote. "You have less than two minutes to escape a growing fire. Early warning and a practised escape plan are essential to survival."

Children injured

Two children were injured, one of them critically, in a snowmobile crash on a Kawagama Lake property on the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 19.

According to the Haliburton Highlands OPP, police responded to the call just after 3:30 p.m. to find a snowmobile with two children aboard had collided with what a press release described as "a fixed object."

"As a result of the collision one child was air-lifted to a Toronto area trauma centre with life-threatening injuries," the release read. "The other child sustained minor injuries."

At press time, the OPP were continuing to investigate and police had no further details to share.

"At this time the investigation is ongoing," read an email from Const. Dianna Dauphinee. "When confirmed and accurate details become available we will provide updates."

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A raise for firefighters

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Feb. 15 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

Councillors unanimously voted to up the rate of pay for firefighters in Algonquin Highlands after a report from fire chief Mike Cavanagh recommended the increased compensation.

Currently, firefighters are paid on an hourly basis at a rate of \$17/hour for emergency calls and two hours of training.

A wage review that compared wages with fire services in neighbouring Minden Hills, Dysart et al, Lake of Bays, Trent Lakes and North Kawartha. A report by Cavanagh to council said wages ranged from \$17 per hour to \$25.45 per hour, with the average being \$19.42. He recommended increasing the wage to \$18 in 2018 and \$19.42 (plus cost of living allowance) in 2019.

"Once these increases are complete, we should be in step with our neighbours," wrote Cavanagh in the report.

He also recommended that practical training night hours be increased from two to three hours to allow for set up and clean up. Theory nights would remain at two hours.

"This year's budget increase is able to be accounted for in the budget as presented as there

was a drop in call volume last year," wrote Cavanagh.

Hawk Lake landfill on last legs

Cambrium Inc., after reviewing the Hawk Lake landfill, recommends the waste disposal site has a remaining site life of approximately four years.

Cambrium Inc. conducted an annual monitoring report, required by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC).

"The volume of waste and cover material disposed at the Hawk Lake waste disposal site in 2017 was calculated to be 400 cubic metres," reads the report. "This resulted in a remaining site capacity of 1,680 cubic metres and a remaining site life of approximately four years."

According to the summary, almost 75 tonnes of blue box materials were diverted from the waste disposal site last year.

Familiar firefighters resign

Chris Keene has retired as a member of Station 60 and Adam Thorn has resigned as a member of Station 80.

Soccer in Stanhope

Registration for youth soccer this year takes place on Tuesday, March 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 24 from 10 to noon at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall.

AH budget talks underway

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Budget discussions are underway in Algonquin Highlands, with two meetings held last week on Feb. 13 and 15, and one planned for the first week of March.

At this point in discussions, the municipal levy increase is about 4.12 per cent. This year is the last of the OPP billing reform phase-in, which is showing the annual increase to be 2.2 per cent (about \$106,500) rather than higher increases of about five per cent (\$223,000) last year.

"The 2018 budget as presented was prepared with the 2017 Municipal Levy, plus the OPP cost increase of \$106,448.00, plus the growth related taxes of \$30,028.00," wrote Tammy McKelvey, Algonquin Highlands treasurer, in the first draft of the budget. "At this point, an additional levy of

\$43,952 is required. This is an additional .92%, which is below the 1.5% that Council provided as a target. The additional Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding certainly provided the much needed revenue increase that was required to protect the taxpayers from a substantial tax increase."

Carol Moffatt, Algonquin Highlands mayor, used her social media page to encourage the public to be interested in budget discussions.

"Budget discussions are pretty dry but they're the most important meetings of the year," she wrote.

"There's lots to discuss and determine: what stays, what goes; what gets approved, what gets deferred; how to do more with less and still meet the ever-changing rules, regulations and requirements."

The next budget meeting will be held on Friday, March 2.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

PUBLIC WELCOME

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Mar 8 - 9:30 am, Committee of the Whole Meeting

Mar 29 - 9:00 am, Regular Meeting of Council

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Please Note: Council meetings are reduced to one meeting during the month of January.

NOTICE – PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED FEE CHANGE

Please take notice that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting regarding a proposed change to its Fees and Charges By-law at its Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 8, 2018 commencing at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden.

The proposed fee change will apply to "Schedule H" Community Services Programs & Facilities to establish a special rate for room rentals at the S.G Nesbitt Community Centre for Minor Hockey and Figure Skating when the rental includes a minimum of 4 hours ice rental per day. The new proposed special room rate is \$40.00 per hour to a maximum of \$100.00 per day.

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Catching the Cure

The fifth annual Catch the Cure, held Feb. 17 in Minden raised more than \$14,000 for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST). The event has raised close to \$80,000 in five years for FAST, which is working towards finding a cure. This all-day fundraiser was held two days after the International Angelman Day. It was started by parents Sue Tiffin and Bethan McCutcheon, who have children with Angelman Syndrome, a rare neuro-genetic disorder that affects the brain. The event included six families in the Angelman community from Minden, Bracebridge, Toronto and Chicago.

-Darren Lum



Harper Tiffin, who was born with Angelman Syndrome, rests on her father's shoulder at the annual Catch the Cure on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Minden Curling Club in Minden.



Minden Skating Club's Tess Husbands, left, and Emily Fitzell perform in the skating show



Minden's Georgia Code, 12, holds a corn snake, learning about reptiles



People were encouraged to add to the wall of hearts during the annual Catch the Cure on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The event helps to raise awareness for Angelman Syndrome - the neurogenetic disorder that affects the brain's communication with the body, manifesting itself in preventing verbal communication, delaying development, causing epileptic seizures, sleep disorders and movement disorders. The event empowers children to get involved and understand others and showcases the community, but also raises money for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics. This day-long event included a skating show, hockey game, curling, a public skate, tobogganing, a scavenger hunt through town and trailer rides/

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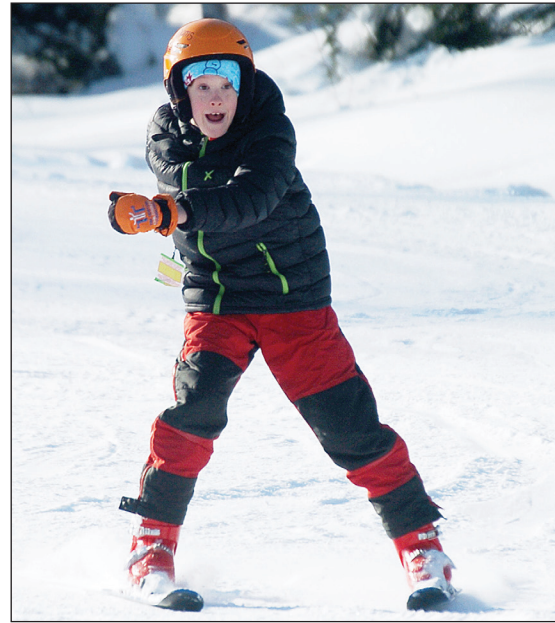
Minden Skating Club's Abby Schreiber Newlove, as the Roadrunner, from left, and Sarah Mee, as the Coyote perform.



Minden Skating Club's Madison Robinson spins in the air, performing in the skating show

Getting a lift

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Curiouser and curiouser

THE ONTARIO PROGRESSIVE Conservative Party's pre-election problems are evolving into a strange saga worthy of a novel or movie script.

As vigilant readers of this publication will recall, after Patrick Brown's resignation/ouster as party leader late last month, I wrote in this space that the PCs could still win the election that was supposed to be theirs if they were able to present a united front to Ontarians. I also wrote that a leadership campaign prior to June's provincial election seemed like an internal distraction, when the goal should be defeating Kathleen Wynne with an interim leader and choosing a permanent one later.

The party has mistakenly decided to stick with its decision to hold a leadership contest, and that contest is quickly growing into a spectacle worthy of a big top.

First there was the announcement that former Toronto city councillor and human megaphone Doug Ford would be seeking the position. Ford made that eye-roll-inducing announcement from the very un-elite location of his mother's basement, presumably to make some kind of statement about how tough things are for Ontario's working class, despite the fact that Ford, himself, is of course a millionaire.

Then there's Caroline Mulroney – lawyer, businesswoman and daughter of a former prime minister. While Mulroney has already earned the nomination to run as the PC candidate in the riding of York-Simcoe, and impressive as she may be, does the party really believe that Ontarians will make someone with no previous political experience of her own the

premier of the province?

The party is lucky that Christine Elliot, a former longtime MPP who lost the leadership bid to Brown in 2015, has put her name forward again. The party should have chosen Elliot as its leader three years ago, and if it's at all interested in winning the election, if indeed that it is even still possible, it will choose her.

Then there's Tanya Granic Allen, president of the socially conservative group Parents As First Educators, which opposes the province's sex ed curriculum.

If you're like me, you'll have to consult Google to find out who she is. Seems unlikely someone with such low name recognition will become premier, given we are just a few months away from the election.

Then, and this is where things get really strange,

in a reality-suspending way, there is Patrick Brown.

After a segment of an audio recording of the caucus conference call where Brown was pushed to resign was leaked to the media, Brown was kicked out of the PC caucus last Friday. Just hours later, the newly independent MPP filed papers to run as PC leader.

These are all things that really happened.

Given that he has steadfastly denied the claims of sexual misconduct against him, it seems likely that Brown will use the public platform of the leadership race to attempt to clear his name. Or he is simply trying to thrust chaos upon a party that has thrown him under the bus. Or both.

Either way, it's a spectacular mess. The PC leadership race is turning out not to be a distraction, but a total circus.

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Just being out there

PERHAPS THE MOST disingenuous thing any angler and hunter says is, "It's just good to be out here."

I'm not saying this statement is untrue all the time. If you have caught a huge fish in front of many cameras and credible witnesses, this phrase can definitely be used honestly. Likewise, if you are standing beneath a bright, warming sun and signs of spring are all around. And it certainly would be accurate, if being out there meant not being at an amateur poetry night, a colonoscopy or a lecture on the health benefits of kale. In each of those circumstances, an outdoors person can genuinely use the phrase, "It's just good to be out here."

On the other hand, if you are open air ice fishing and it starts to sleet heavily while high vicious winds start redistributing your gear to various corners of the lake and everyone but you is catching beautiful fish, that phrase starts to ring hollow – especially when screamed as you stamp your feet and shake your fist to the heavens.

True, this is a subtle distinction, but if you watch for it, you'll soon recognize circumstances when the phrase is used dishonestly.

Of course, this is never what we set out to do. It just happens because being in the outdoors is often like being in a snowball fight with a chimp, in that you're not really sure what's going to be thrown at you next.

Those new to the outdoors often rely on this sentence too. And I believe they honestly believe it to be true – God bless their souls – and are shocked when it isn't. At that point it becomes a mantra, somewhat akin to "There's no place like home....There's no place like home." The belief being, if you say it often enough, it just might come true.

I know. I'm nit-picking. But I'm doing it

for good reason.

You see, in the future I fear we will have an app on our smart phones that will convert text messages to friends from what you say to what you actually mean. And when that time happens, the phrase "It's just good to be out here," will no longer fool anyone.

With that in mind, I think we ought to try to use the phrase to serve specific purposes to take control of the message. After all, we already have a credibility issue. So here are a few variants that might come in handy for the duration of this ice fishing season.

To the inquisitive fellow: "It was just good to be out here, but then you went and asked me how many fish I caught."

To the unobservant angler: "My boot is jammed in an ice fishing hole. So, it's only just good to be out here from the right ankle up."

To the fellow in the ice hut: "It's just good to be out here, but only in the time between getting hit by golf ball-sized hailstones."

To the person, pulling out a smart phone: "It's just good to be out here – so don't ruin it by showing me photos of your cat or the huge fish you caught yesterday."

To the pet owner out for a stroll on the ice: "It was just good to be out here and then your dog ran off with my fish."

To the person who doesn't have a middle-aged bladder: "It's just good to be out here – but I walked all the way over to this tree for a reason."

To the stranger who is interfering with your quiet time: "It's just good to be out here. That hospital for the criminally insane was a bit too confining."

Use these phrases and you might honestly be able to mumble, "It's just good to be out here."

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The crisis Trudeau ignores

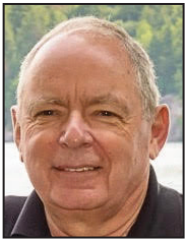
FEW PEOPLE NOTICE or really care, but there is a daily newspaper crisis in Canada. It is a crisis that has huge ramifications, now and certainly over time, for our country and our culture.

The daily newspaper industry is in fact dying and resuscitation efforts have been meagre and not well thought out.

The Canadian Media Guild, representing workers at CBC and the country's largest news services, estimates that between 2008 and 2016 more than 16,000 media jobs disappeared across the country.

Accurate numbers are difficult to assemble because news media job losses mount every month. However, it is likely that roughly 10,000 of the 16,000 jobs were lost at newspapers.

In the U.S. between 1990 and 2016 the newspaper publishing industry shrunk by nearly 60 percent, from roughly 458,000 jobs to 183,000 jobs, the U.S. Bureau of Job Statistics reports.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

What we do know for sure is that Canadian daily newspaper titles such as the *Orillia Packet and Times*, the *Guelph Mercury* and the *Moose Jaw Times-Herald*, which served significant urban areas for decades, no longer exist.

Last November the Canadian newspaper industry took a huge hit when Torstar Corp. and Postmedia Network Inc. traded 41 papers then closed 36 in places where they compete. The closures, including weeklies and dailies, eliminated 291 jobs.

This death spiral has prompted a daily newspaper industry attempt to get the federal government to include help for journalism in its cultural policy.

The Trudeau government did commission a study of the problem, which last year resulted in the report titled *The Shattered Mirror*. It produced a number of good thoughts and recommendations, which the government has pretty much ignored.

A Commons committee also investigated the failing industry and made some practical recommendations. Those also have been ignored.

Trudeau and his ministers have done nothing to help newspaper journalism because they feel that they cannot "bail out industry models that are no longer viable."

That is an uninformed, unintelligent position.

First, it shows a lack of knowledge about the importance of daily journalism to a country's democracy and culture. Secondly, the industry does not need a financial bailout. It needs fresh, smart thinking to help it reinvent itself in an age where online companies (Facebook and Google to name two) are amassing trillions of dollars by killing traditional industry models.

The newspaper industry desperately needs help in re-inventing itself. Its own efforts to date have been pathetically slow and unimaginative.

Just one example is the TorStar launch of Star Touch, a tablet platform that cost the company \$40 million and two years of re-invention time. Many people in the industry said it was a silly project destined to fail. It did and was closed down last summer.

Re-invention efforts outside Canada have been better. Companies like the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *The Guardian* in England have been somewhat successful in their efforts to provide strong online models that produce journalism that people are willing to buy.

More and more Canadians are getting their non-local daily news from online dailies in New York, Washington, Los Angeles, London and Melbourne. That likely is the future – people around the world subscribing to one or more online dailies located in major world centres.

Community newspapers, like this one, have a brighter future than the dailies. That is because they focus on hometown news that people want and need.

As the daily newspaper industry has shrunk, huge black holes have developed where news coverage no longer is available to the entire country. Newspapers like the *Moose Jaw Times-Herald* and the *Orillia Packet and Times* shared their news with newspaper and broadcast services that distributed it nationwide.

The dailies that survive now are mere shadows of themselves with much reduced news coverage areas, skeleton staffs and therefore less news to share.

The result is Canadians have fewer news sources for learning about what is happening in other parts of their country.

Instead of saying "why should we do anything to help?" the Trudeau government should be asking "what are the ways we might help?"

That's the way leadership is supposed to work.

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letters to the editor

A necessary tax hike

To the Editor,

When a council has the courage to raise taxes during an election year you know it is out of necessity. I applaud them. Yes, I live on a lake, my choice. My late husband and I bought my parents' home 25 years ago when lake property was affordable. I live on a fixed income and my taxes are high.

When my home needs repairs I dig deep, find the money and have the repairs made. Minden Hills has reached that point. Now is the time to do those fixes!

We need those road repairs now, snowplow-

ing and sanding so we can get to our cottage roads allowing emergency vehicles or police to reach us in times of trouble. Our taxes pay for this! They also pay for our arena, community centre, cultural centre, and all other amenities we lakers can enjoy.

Avail yourselves of all Minden Hills has to offer and you will see how your taxes are spent. Let's work together to get Minden Hills back in shape.

Lois Rigney
Canning Lake

Sit-ups vs. crunches vs. planks

When I was a kid we did sit-ups all of the time. Someone would sit on my feet or I would tuck them under something so that I could sit all of the way up. I knew I was strong when I could do them while keeping my feet on the ground without any assistance. These days I don't see anyone doing sit-ups, nor do I use them in programs for clients. The crunch replaced the sit-up, and now the plank has replaced the crunch as the "go to" exercise for safely strengthening abdominal muscles.

Essentially, the difference between sit-ups and crunches is how far you pull yourself up from the floor. When doing a sit-up you start by lying on the floor with your knees bent, and then pull yourself all the way up so that your chest is touching your knees/legs. The crunch is also done by lying on the floor with bent knees but it is done by only lifting the head and shoulders (upper back region) while the lower back remains on the floor. This reduction in movement was thought to have greater benefits and less risk than the sit-up but both of these exercises can put strain on your neck and spine. So, along came the plank.

The plank is an isometric exercise done by lying belly down on the floor. The idea is raise yourself up onto your forearms, elbows and toes; and hold that position for a period of time that works for

you. That is the only movement required. There's no bending or twisting. Your body stays in a straight line. All the muscles required to keep it in the straight line are being worked to keep it there. That's the beauty of the plank. It's amazing for maintaining or improving our posture.

While planks are the best of the bunch I find that everyone, including me, feels more satisfied with having crunches in their workout. There is something about contracting those abs. It feels like I may just be on my way to a six-pack. Not that that will ever happen. Still, there's no harm in dreaming for a few seconds. The important point is that crunches

have to be part of a well-rounded exercise program. I discourage the idea of doing a few crunches daily in hopes of reducing that part of your body. It doesn't work.

Make the plank exercise your first choice. It's the safest, and provides the greatest benefits. Go ahead and throw in a couple of crunches from time-to-time but know they will be more for your mind than your body.

Something to think about.

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Sanctuary donations help save local wildlife

by JENN WATT
Editor

Angie Steckle grips a great horned owl around its small feathered body, its injured talon in the hands of retired veterinarian Jennifer Coates. The nursery/ICU at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary is busy with humans and animals, but the bird is calm. Its wide yellow eyes survey the space, acknowledging two people who have come in.

This building is where the animals most in need are kept and on this Wednesday afternoon, it's also where many volunteers have congregated to feed them or tend to their wounds.

Margaret Cox and Christina Carere are standing elbow-to-elbow in front of two white incubators, cradling bats wrapped in cloth. With one hand holding the bats steady, they use tweezers to fish mealworms out of a dish and into the hungry mouths of their patients.

"I love animals," said Carere, who is in her first year of volunteering at the sanctuary. She said humans do so much damage to wildlife that it seems right to spend time helping them.

The Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary has been helping hundreds of animals each year at its 45-acre property in Minden Hills. Funded through donations, founder and co-ordinator Monika Melichar said it costs about \$45,000 a year to operate.

The charity's main fundraiser is on the horizon; Go Wild for Wildlife is planned for March 10 at Pinestone and she hopes the event will bring in the money needed.

Caring for injured or orphaned wildlife falls outside of the jurisdiction of most government agencies, including the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

"Wildlife doesn't belong to anybody. ... The MNR is not responsible in that sense for maintaining wildlife out there that is sick and injured," Melichar said.

"They don't actually do a hands-on for wildlife if they get injured or orphaned. There is ... nothing like that. A lot of the veterinarians won't touch wildlife either."

That leaves wildlife rehabilitation centres, which are not publicly funded and are frequently volunteer run, including Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary.

The issue came into stark relief when a deer was spotted just after Christmas in Haliburton village with an arrow protruding from its brow.

Melichar played a key role in the deer's treatment, co-ordinating veterinarian Dr. Sherri Cox and fellow wildlife rehabilitator Howard Smith from Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary along with volunteers. The deer, now named Mirabelle, was successfully darted and tranquilized, transported to Aspen Valley and treated for its wounds. It is currently recovering and the plan is for it to be returned to the Highlands once it's well.

The deer rescue attracted media attention beyond the borders of Haliburton County with Melichar on CHEX TV and CBC Radio's Ontario Morning.

Those appearances have helped bring awareness to the work done at the sanctuary, particularly in distinguishing it from a government service.

"[Some people] actually think we're part of the MNR so they have these expectations of us to perform our duty," Melichar said.

She said they would be happy to play a greater role, but first they would need enough funding to hire staff.

"We're a charity and we're a volunteer-based charity. And we just all have really big hearts and want to make a difference to individual animals," she said.

Once Coates is finished tending to the owl in the nursery/ICU, Steckle brings out Terrah the fox from her crate.

The calm of the owl now gone, Terrah is spirited and bouncy, requiring two volunteers to hold her small body still as Coates unwraps the bandages from her injured leg.

An injury on her elbow is slow to heal, especially with the amount the fox moves around and the volunteers speculate on how to best immobilize the leg as Coates washes the wound.

Steckle holds the front end of Terrah's body while Melichar holds the back legs.

Steckle first heard about the sanctuary on the radio and came to a meet and greet event five years ago. She remembers telling Melichar at the time that caring for wildlife is her calling.

That is likely the case for all of the volunteers, who have committed to a regular schedule at the sanctuary.

For Melichar and her partner Whitebear, it is an all-consuming passion.

After studying zoology at the University of Guelph, she



Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary volunteers from left, Jennifer Coates, Monika Melichar and Angie Steckle work on a fox that came to the centre with an injured leg. /JENN WATT Staff



A great horned owl came to the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary with an injured foot.

went on to work for the MNR and later ran a pet store in Keswick. The couple moved to Minden Hills in 2008 after falling in love with the property.

"We've dedicated our lives to do this for wildlife," she said.

Whitebear does the maintenance on the property, which includes several buildings housing all sorts of creatures including porcupines, deer and possums.

The buildings are close to one another, which allows volunteers to move from one to the other, but the property also includes larger spaces for "pre-release" of the wildlife, away from humans. With a \$25,000 donation from Lush Cosmetics, they are building a special enclosure for foxes to replace the one that collapsed last year under heavy snow.

Most other buildings on the property were constructed of repurposed materials, but this structure needs to be specially built.

Over the course of a year, the sanctuary will treat about 600 animals. Winter is the slow season, with about 40 currently on-site, but during the summer Melichar said there are usually more than 100 at any given time. After rehabilitation they are released into their natural habitats.

"The more people that know about us – know that we're here – the more animals we seem to take on," she said.

To meet that need, the sanctuary has two key events on the horizon: a meet and greet for volunteers and a fundraising gala.

For those who are seriously interested in committing at least one day a week to volunteering with the sanctuary, there is a meet and greet on March 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. Volunteer tasks could include driving animals, publicity and fundraising, ad-



Christina Carere, at back, and Margaret Cox hold big brown bats for feeding time with mealworms.

ministration and other odd jobs. More information is on the sanctuary's website, but those interested need to RSVP.

The fundraising gala, Go Wild for Wildlife, is planned for Saturday, March 10 at Pinestone Resort. The evening will include a vegetarian buffet dinner, silent auction, music by Custom Blend and a live auction with Mike Jaycock as auctioneer.

Prizes up for bids include a ViaRail travel credit of \$600; two tickets to see the Toronto Maple Leafs vs Montreal Canadiens; a night stay and golf package at Pinestone Resort; half-day dogsledding tour with Winterdance Dogsled Tours; dinner and show (Air Supply) at Casino Rama; one-night stay at the Deerhurst Resort; and passes to Ripley's Aquarium, ROM, Art Gallery, Toronto Zoo, Medieval Times and CNE.

Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at www.woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca, from any of the sanctuary volunteers or by calling the sanctuary at 705-286-1133.

MINOR HOCKEY



The Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes travelled to Brighton on Saturday, Feb 17 for a one-day tournament and came home the "A" champions./ Photo submitted

Tykes are A champions after Brighton tournament

The Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes travelled to Brighton on Saturday, Feb. 17 for a one-day tournament. They played three great games and came home the "A" Champions. In Game No.1 the Storm outplayed Clarington, resulting in a 10-0 win. Goals scored by Vanek Logan (3), Evan Perrott (3), Jack Tomlinson (1), McCartney Saunders (1), Mason Latanville (1), Easton Burk (1). Assists by: Jaxen Casey (1), Zach Prentice (1), Latanville (1). The Storm faced Lindsay in Game No. 2. It was a close, hard fought game but in the end the Storm win 4-3. Goals scored by: Logan (1), Tomlinson (1), Perrott (1), Casey (1). Assists by: Luke Gruppe (1), Burk (1). The Storm was put up against Quinte West for Game No. 3 the "A" Championship game. Quinte was no match for the Storm who come home as "A" Champs with a 13-1 win. Goals scored by: Logan (3), Gruppe (3), Burk (2), Tomlinson (1), Matthew Scheffee (1), Perrott (1), Saunders (1), Latanville (1). Assists by: Tomlinson (3), Perrott (3), Casey (2), Gruppe (1), Saunders (1), Burk (1). Great goaltending by Carter Braun throughout the tournament. The Tykes will host the South Muskoka Bears on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 11:30 a.m. in Minden.

Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson

Midgets make semi-finals

The Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team successfully advanced to the Ontario semi-finals by shutting down the Shelburne Wolves with three straight wins. After taking a 1-0 lead in the series, the midgets skated to a 6-2 victory Saturday, Feb. 17 in Shelburne. Then, the midgets blew the Wolves away 7-1, Sunday, Feb. 18 in home-town Haliburton. The Storm team played game two in Shelburne, Saturday, Feb. 17 and dominated from the start. The first goal came after Dollo won the battle behind the Wolves net and snapped a pass to Manning, who was open and ready to chip it in. A few minutes later, Flood's slap shot was redirected into the net by Prentice. With minutes left in the first period, Owen Smith sends the puck over to Patterson-Smith and he cleverly deflected it off the goalie and into the net, making it a 3-0 game. Later in the second period, Patterson-Smith takes a pass from Vasey and maneuvers toward the goal, his magic hands easily found the opening for goal No. 4. The Wolves managed to get on the score board late in the third period. Shortly after, the Storm answered back. A rush by Manning found Patterson-Smith open and ready to chip it in for a hat-trick and that made it a 5-1 game. The Wolves took advantage of a six on three power play with a goal. Gilbert shut things down with an empty netter and the Storm brought home a 6-2 win. The next day, the Storm midget team wasted no time and scored on the first rush and shot, seconds into the game. It was clear the entire Storm team had an agenda, play hockey and win. Despite several attacks, the Storm team held their composure and stayed on track to win. Team captain Patterson-Smith was unstoppable scoring four of the seven goals. O'Neill nabbed a couple and Flood blasted a goal from

the point. Great effort by the entire midget team, assists went to Owen Smith, the Haedickes, Walker and Dollo. Great job boys.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Atom Storm goes down to Bears

The G.J. Burtch Construction Atom AE Storm players travelled to Bracebridge to take on the South Muskoka Bears. The first period was a battle for the first goal but neither team were able to put a goal on the scoreboard. The Bears scored the first goal in the second period. But only a few minutes into the third period, Isaac Lee received a pass from Jace Mills and rushed to the net to score the Storms only goal ending the game in a 3-1 loss. Next weekend the Storm host the Bears at the S. G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden at 12:30 p.m. Then they are back at it on Sunday travelling to Sunridge to challenge the Almaguin Ice Devils at 3 p.m.

Submitted by Lisa Reinwald

Four unassisted goals for Storm

On Feb. 17 Pharmasave LL Atom 1 hosted Parry Sound 1 with a nail biting game. The storm had four unassisted goals. Haiden Bird opened off the scoring. Nathan Morrison came back with a wicked defensive stop to also recover the puck and skate from end to end and score. Followed by two goals from Daniel Stephen for a final score of 5-4. Player of the game goes to Brian Robichaud.

Submitted by Chris McMartin

Storm blows Wolves away

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's traveled to Shelburne to face the Shelburne Wolves for game three of round two of the playoffs on Saturday, Feb. 17. The first period the Shelburne Wolves came out on fire and the Storm had to fight them off in their end, however thanks to the great team work and goal tending by Aaron Neave the score remained 0-0 going into the second. The second started with an early goal by the Wolves. Than Addison Carr scored a break away goal tying the game. Next Cheyenne Degeer fired an amazing five hole goal to put the game at 2-1 heading into the third and final period. Early in the third Carr scored another break away goal, but only minutes later on a power play the Shelburne Wolves scored their second goal of the game. Carr headed on his third breakaway and sent it into the mesh. Then the last two minutes of the period was very intense. The score at this time was 4-2, Storm had a man in the box so it was a Shelburne power play. Shelburne decided to pull their goalie to make it six on four. This backfired and Carr scored an empty netter. The Wolves didn't put the goalie back in and the Wolves managed to sneak another goal in on Neave. But Storm wasn't done yet and with three seconds left Carr scored another empty netter. The final score was 6-3. The Highland Storm Atom A de-

feated the Shelburne Wolves three game straight and are now heading to the Semi Finals.

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's games for next week are TBA.

Submitted by Amber Card

Bantam Storm makes semi-finals

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollos Foodland Bantam A traveled to Wasaga Saturday for game two of their playoffs series hoping that their momentum from a 9-2 win in game one would continue. The Stars scored first on a nice play cutting in on Storm goalie Ben Landry from a sharp angle and sliding it through the five-hole. The Storm's Hunter Arnott scored one of his trademark "right in front of the net" goals on a Jaxon Gill rebound. Shortly after killing off a two minute penalty, winger Sam Hoenow set up centre Desi Davies beautifully to put the Storm ahead 2-1. Brendan Coumbs put the boys up by two on a lovely snapshot from just inside the blue line but the Storms's two goal lead was quickly wiped out with a couple of quick goals by Wasaga. Gill, the Storm captain put the boys in blue ahead once again but the Stars came right back to score sending the game into the third tied at four a piece. Tyson Clements almost scored twice seconds into the third and with only seconds remaining and in between that, fans saw some good scoring chances by both squads. Both goaltenders remained rock solid sending the game into overtime. The Stars had an early OT chance but were thwarted by Landry and than Gill, a motivating force throughout the game, powered down the right hand side and stepped nicely around a diving Stars defender to leave him one on one with the Wasaga goaltender. The big man would make no mistake, scoring on a wrist shot to give the Highland Storm a 5-4 win and a 2-0 series lead with a chance to wrap up the series at home on Sunday.

Game three on Family Day Sunday was attended by a large electrified crowd still emotional from the Midgets win just prior to the Bantams taking the ice. Wasaga however, facing a do-or-die situation were not to be intimidated and jumped ahead 2-0 within the first seven minutes. Storm defenceman Ben Robinson, got the boys rolling however with some nifty stickhandling from a sharp angle to pull the Storm within one. Gill tied the game early in the second on the power play and than Tyson Clements scored the Storms go ahead goal on what may have been the nicest goal of the season with stickhandling that virtually handcuffed the entire Stars team. Arnott continued his scoring streak of late with another in-tight goal to give the Storm a 4-2 lead at second intermission. Cody Switzer scored early in the third followed shortly after by a Desi Davies marker and Brendan Coumbs who was positioned perfectly by the side of the net buried a Zach Davis rebound to lead the Storm to a 7-3 win and an invitation to the semi finals versus the Frontenac Flyers.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

MINOR HOCKEY

Bantam Jets wins games over the weekend

The Jets played the Peterborough Ice Kats twice over the weekend and are a few steps closer to their goal of attending Provincials.

Saturday evening, the team played in Peterborough and won 4-1 over the Ice Kats. Scoring for the Jets were Emma Tidey with two goals, assisted by Trista Young and Gillian Rosik. Hannah McMann also had two, one unassisted, and the other assisted by Haley Goulet.

Sunday afternoon the Jets hosted Peterborough on home ice. Only 20 seconds into the game Ryan Rupnow, unassisted, skated hard and carried the puck from end to end. A quick wrist shot saw the puck find its way into the net. The second period went scoreless and with 33 seconds left in the third, Goulet received a perfect pass from team mate McMann and poke checked the puck between the Ice Kats goalies legs. Final score 2-1 for the Jets.

Upcoming games are against Ennismore in Lakefield this Saturday at 1p.m., and on Sunday at the NHCC at 4:30 p.m.

Rock Breakers in playdowns

The Leveque Bros/Rock breaker have been busy over the last few weeks. The Team ended the season placing second overall. The girls have qualified for the Lower Lakes championship weekend held March 23 and 24 at York University. Congratulations Pee wee girls.

Currently the Leveque Bros/Rock Breakers are in playdowns for a chance to play at the OWHHA Provincials. The top two teams in the division advance. The girls need one more win to secure the spot. This upcoming weekend is spent on the road starting on Saturday against rival Peterborough Ice Kats and than Sunday in Lindsay against the Lynxs. The last home game will be played in Apsley against the Ice Kats on March 4 at noon. Good luck girls.

-Submitted by Melissa Armstrong



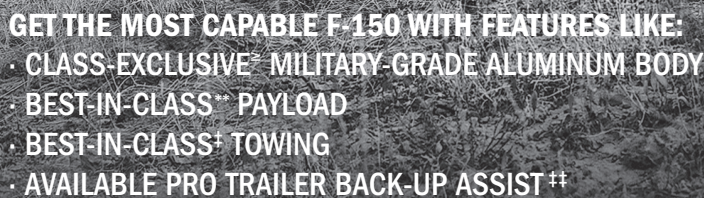
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Red Hawks crowned Kawartha champions

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Let's go Red Hawks! This was the chant, shouted in unison from the crowd watching the Hawks' senior basketball team in the last minutes of the Kawartha Championship final on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Haliburton.

With a 50-47 lead, the Hawks faithful were proving invaluable, shouting, cheering and willing their team to secure the win for a top seed into the COSSA playoffs.

Hawks point guard Kyle Cooper, who was formidable at both ends of the court, rebounding or leading fast-break scores with bullet passes, came up with a big block, sending his bench and the crowd into a frenzy.

Then Owen Patterson-Smith sank a three-pointer to not just extend the lead to six, 53-47, but had virtually everyone in the gym in hysterics. The Titans answered with their own three-pointer to narrow the gap to a one possession game with a little more than a minute left. That was as close as it got as the Hawks held on for the 57-50 win.

From the semi-final 67-51 win against Campbellford earlier in the day to the victory over the Titans in the final, the Hawks showed a relentless pursuit of the ball on both ends of the floor. Their tenacity in the paint was exemplary and the effort to hit the deck for loose balls was without comparison.

Coming into the playoffs, the head-to-head between these teams was a different story than what played out in the final. Haliburton dominated the Titans 53-33 in both regular season meetings.

However the coaching staff expected a close game despite the regular season because the Titans were missing their starting player Chris Flynn.

"We beat them by 20 points both times. I was like Chris



Red Hawks forward Coleman Heaven battles for a rebound with a Titans defender in the A Kawartha Championship final on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks starting point guard Kyle Cooper cuts around St. Thomas defender Chris Flynn in the A Kawartha Championship final on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Haliburton. The Hawks beat the Titans 57-50 to advance to COSSA as the top seed for Kawartha. Cooper led the Hawks with 19 points while teammate Owen Patterson-Smith scored 17 points. /DARREN LUM Staff

is probably good for 15 so I knew it was going to be a tight game. When we were down by four at the half, I was like, 'yeah, this is the game we signed up for. So let's dig deep and let's get it done,'" Longo said.

Flynn ended up leading all players with 27 points, more than half his team's total.

The first half of the game was a back-and-forth affair.

There were several lead changes and momentum shifts. At the half, the Hawks were down four, losing 33-29.

Longo said during this break, he encouraged his players and emphasized the importance of rebounding and that they needed to improve from the second half.

"I thought we really stepped it up in the second half on boxing out and getting in better position for rebounding and getting the transition game going," he said.

He adds the team were better in the second half in all facets of the game.

Most notably was how the Hawks' composure improved in the second.

Longo acknowledged the challenge facing the officials and commended them on their efforts.

In the second half, he reminded his players to forget about calls they perceived as unjust and play.

"If we don't pay some respect to referring it's not going to help us in the fourth quarter so I'm really proud of the way they settled down and kept their composure. Especially with not talking to the refs about anything and just playing the game. Then we got a couple of calls in the fourth quarter that could have gone either way. They went our way. That's a credit to our guys for keeping our composure and being respectful," he said.

Cooper led the Hawks with 19 points while Patterson-Smith scored 17 points, 11 of which were in the second half. Forward Zak Shantz was steady and put in a workman-like performance, scoring eight points.

He credited his younger second unit players, coming off the bench and doing their jobs.

This included Grade 11 point guard Austin French, who came up "clutch" and Grade 11 Steve Dudgeon. French finished with several steals (two in a row) and five points (all in the second half), but also used his vision to find players, stretching the defence.

Dudgeon, a rookie, was called into action to replace injured teammates Rylan Gwyn, who was injured in the semi-finals, and Kade Bain, who was injured in the final and left on the bench with his shoe off. He played well, guarding the Titans' centre Jacob Thalen, who finished with 16 points. Thalen was limited to three points in the second half thanks to Dudgeon.

"Stevie D stepped up big time in the middle. Did some really good on D," he said.

Also, Coleman Heaven played well, Longo said.

"My younger guys ... I wish I could've got everybody on the floor in the final, but sometimes in those kind of games it's tough. It's my one little regret. It's nice to get a Kawartha championship under our belt," he said.

He recognized his players' disappointment for those who didn't play.

Holding on to this victory after a tough battle is going to give them confidence they can play in tight games heading into COSSA, he said.

The win also assures the Hawks are the top seed from Kawartha and will play the second seed from the Quinte area. Before it was decided (at the time of the interview), he expected perennial basketball powerhouse Nicholson to make it to COSSA hosted by St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School in Peterborough this Thursday. Haliburton, as the top seed, was going to host COSSA, but due to a scheduling conflict deferred.

"It's nice not to have to see them first. I think that's good for our guys," he said.

Longo has already told his players that winning COSSA semi-final is the equivalent of making it to the all-provincials.

"To me that's like an OFSAA berth," he said.

Nicholson won the OFSAA bronze medal last year and the core group is returning with high expectations so they will be strong and a tough test.

"But you know what? We're going to go down there and give them everything we got. You got to play the game. You know. You never know what can happen. These two wins today do a heck of a lot for our confidence going forward," he said.

Red Hawks point guard Brian Kim gets off a shot during the A Kawartha semi-finals on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Haliburton. Haliburton lost 25-20 and did not advance to the championship final. Haliburton's Joe Boice led all Hawks with six points./

DARREN LUM
Staff



Shot at Kawartha falls short

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

The second game of the Kawartha junior Kawartha playoffs hosted in Haliburton on Wednesday, Feb. 14 was between the Red Hawks and the Knights of Norwood. There were just six points keeping the Hawks from advancing to the finals and a berth to COSSA.

They lost 25-20 to the Knights in the semi-finals. It was a tight and low scoring game. However the Hawks played catch-up most of the game, facing a deficit of up to 10 points late in the third quarter. Hawks centre Joe Boice took over, grabbing rebounds on both ends and scoring all of his six points in the third and early in the fourth to bring the team to within four points. He was unstoppable. Unfortunately he subsequently fouled out. His absence was felt, but Haliburton didn't give up. Holden Dupret Smith scored a jumper to narrow the gap to two, 20-18 with 3:31 left in the fourth. That was as close as the juniors could get.

Boice and Jaxon Gill led the Hawks with six points each.

All the coaches would like to congratulate the boys on a great season. Highlights included sweeping the Fenelon Falcons and beating first-place Brock in the regular season.

With files from Judi Paul.



Joe Boice rises for a shot.

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Haliburton's Matt Duchene, left, hugs Wilberforce Elementary School Grade 7 student Violette Cane, who was part of a group of more than 40 students from the Highlands who went to see him and the Ottawa Senators beat the New York Rangers 6-3 on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa. There were students from Wilberforce Elementary School and one Big Brother "little," who made the day-trip by coach bus to Ottawa. This trip was made possible by the efforts of OPP Const. Robin Carmount, who co-ordinated the trip and acquired the necessary funds from community organizations and businesses such as the Rotary Club of Minden, the Royal Canadian Legion Wilberforce Branch 624, Curry Chevrolet, Walkers Home Hardware and Hudson Henderson Insurance, as well as two individual donors.

/Submitted by Barb Davies

Trip a once-in-a-lifetime experience

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were star struck," she said. "It brought tears to my eyes because I watched him meet every individual student and he gave them time and compassion and he talked to them with interest. I just thought, wow, what a classy athlete."

For many of the students from Grade 4 it was their first time meeting with a famous "celebrity."

Every child was covered for tickets, the bus trip and given a Senators' toque, which they wore in the stands. There were close to 40 adults, who paid for their own tickets.

Being from Haliburton, she said, added to the experience for the students, and a few said it had been the best day of their lives.

Although Duchene could only meet with the children, the parents were allowed to watch and photograph their children meet him in a designated area in the 100 section near the glass.

"It was good for everybody. It worked out really well," she said.

OPP Const. Robin Carmount would rather not get any credit, but, like Davies, felt great satisfaction seeing the reaction from the children when they met with Duchene.

He is responsible for the idea and for the co-ordination of the trip, which was rooted in Duchene's trade to Ottawa. The effort in-

cluded initiating contact with the Senators to securing the toques and block of tickets, then contacting Vince Duchene for a possible meeting with Duchene, and acquiring the necessary sponsors to fund the trip that was capped off with a pizza dinner in Renfrew.

Davies understood the special nature of this trip when she was first contacted by Carmount.

"I was very thrilled to think that someone wanted to do that for Wilberforce school and the second thought that went through my head was this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity. An opportunity they never would have had before and I was very thrilled," she said.

Davies said even getting to ride on a coach bus was a treat for the students.

"Some of them when they were getting on the bus said, 'Do we have the right bus? Wow, are you sure about this?'" she said.

None of this was possible without the generous support of community sponsors such as Walkers Home Hardware, Curry Chevrolet, the Royal Canadian Legion Wilberforce Branch 624, Rotary Club of Minden, Hudson Henderson Insurance, including two anonymous individual donors.

Carmount and Davies can't thank them enough for their contributions to make this trip, which cost close to \$5,000, possible.

"They made it happen. It was super," Carmount said.

Carmount said any money left over will help with pay for aging equipment and other related costs for the youth nights held every two weeks he has run since last year. This night provides area children an opportunity to exercise and socialize at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce.

The trip was open to the entire school. Close to half the students chose to go, he adds.

The Wilberforce students were given special permission by the Senators to hold up a banner in the stand made by County Sign and Display, who went above and beyond, as they always do for community events, said

Carmount. He appreciates all the work they did to get the sign ready, adding last minute details and doing it in time for the trip.

It even drew the attention of Duchene during the game, who mentioned it during the meet and greet.

There was plenty of cheering for Duchene by the students. They not only applauded him for his connection to the Highlands, but also his quality performance. He scored a goal and added an assist, earning the second star of the game.

However if you ask the students and the adults there would be no doubt Duchene deserved a first star of the game for giving his time and for bringing a highlight to a great and unforgettable day.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, March 12th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-004/18
Applicant: Craig Steven Strachan and Erik De Witte
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 5, Concession 1,
Geographic Township of Stanhope, Now in the Township
of Algonquin Highlands
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22nd day of February, 2018.

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This Week’s Highs – Women
High Single – Chris Cote – 218
High Triple – Chris Cote – 540
High Single Hcp – Chris Cote – 236
High Triple Hcp - Norma Terro – 677
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High Single – Robert Terro – 252
High Triple – Dave Stokes – 606
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Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores for Feb. 13

Men
High Average Claude Cote 222
High Single Claude Cote 283
High Single H/C Claude Cote 286
High Triple Claude Cote 721
High Triple H/C Claude Cote 730

Women

High Average Chris Cote 200
High Single Chris Cote 243
High Single H/C Chris Cote 262
High Triple Chris Cote 582
High Triple H/C Chris Cote 639

Fast Lane Bowling Scores for Friday, Feb. 16

Ladies

High average Ren Higgins 174
High single Clara Vuksic 324
High triple Clara Vuksic 631
High single hcp Clara Vuksic 369
High triple hcp Clara Vuksic 766

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers on page 18

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Whirling in Bracebridge

The Minden Skating Club had six of its members compete the weekend of Feb. 10. Five skaters competed at the Bracebridge Winter Whirl and one skater was at the Port Perry Interclub competition. Bracebridge Winter Whirl competitors were, from left, Georgia Code, Chloe Hartwig and Jayde Rowden while Abby Rosik competed in Port Perry. Absent for the photo were Tess Husbands and Liah Gallant, who competed in Bracebridge.
Bracebridge results: Georgia Code; Star 1, bronze; Tess Husbands, Star 2; bronze; Chloe Hartwig, Star 3, bronze; Jayde Rowden, Star 3, silver, Star 3 Elements; silver; Liah Gallant, Star 4 (under-13), fourth
Port Perry result: Abby Rosik; Star 5 (under-13); second

SNOWSHOE hikes!

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Saturday February 17th, 11:00am-1:00pm
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"WILD WAYS OF WHITE WATER" ~ 1.5km
Sunday February 25th, 2:00pm-3:30pm
Minden Wild Water preserve
Hike Leader: Sarah Bell

"WETLANDS IN WINTER" ~ 3km
Tuesday March 13, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Queen Elizabeth II Provincial Park
Hike Leader: Lois Foster

"SNOWSHOE SNOWDON" ~ 3km
Saturday March 17, 10:00am -12:00pm
Snowdon Park, Minden
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Roofs being shoveled off have been a familiar sight over the past couple of weeks as Mother Nature continued with her relentless onslaught of snow, rain and temperature changes. Most building owners had a much smaller surface with which to contend than Norm Mills' auction barn at the corner of Highway 35 and County Road 121, but the routine was familiar.

Weather plays havoc with hydro and roofs

by Matthew Sittler

Extreme winter weather continues to cause problems across the Highlands. The result has been an increase in calls to Ontario Hydro and collapsing roofs.

Minden Hydro One representative Ken Casey says this year's snowfall has even necessitated getting help from Peterborough crews to sort out the mess the weather has caused. "From the first week of February we have responded to 53 calls," he said. "Some of those calls reflect trees falling on lines - some might have had as many as 300 customers out per call."

Friday evening a portion of Minden was plunged into darkness as a tree fell across hydro lines just north of the Chamber of Commerce office on Highway 35. Power was restored in about an hour, however the incident is indicative of what the utility has been facing. Heavy snow, freezing rain and high winds are all part of the mix which has kept the crews busy recently.

While February has been a busy month for Hydro One, the weather continues to battle their efforts at keeping communication and electrical lines open. "We are losing ground as we speak," said Casey on Friday. "We have crews coming in from Peterborough to help out." The Hydro One spokesman said that lines strung too close to trees are where most of the problems are occurring. Heavy snow on pine and hemlock trees is the big culprit. Weighed down by the heavy load, the branches of the tree bend over the

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Tough winter takes its toll on deer population

by Matthew Sittler

Haliburton County's deer population is having trouble obtaining adequate sources of food this winter, says a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) area biologist. This year's continued excessive snowfall has created tough conditions for the area's deer, making it hard for them to get around. "Deer really aren't built for deep snow," says MNR Biologist Dana Kinsman. "They've got very small hooves that don't do well in deep snow."

In order to accurately gauge the

current "Red-Zone" situation, the biologist said the MNR is comparing conditions of past winters to this year. "The last couple of winters were great for them," she said. "We also have to look at what kind of shape they were in going into the winter. There was a bumper-crop of acorns this year, and that's just a super, fat-loading form of food. They were in relatively good shape."

This winter's fast onset resulted in many deer not making it to the deer yards. Many were trapped in areas where they normally would not have stayed. "Deer need to be in areas

where there is shelter," points out Kinsman, "where there is a good conifer component of hemlock and cedar. The trees trap snow which then ensures ground snow depth will be adequate for the deer. Plus, it provides some lateral wind cover."

What the deer really need now is food.

"They still need to eat and they are not eating food that is putting any weight on them because that just doesn't happen in the winter," Kinsman said. "They are really just filling their stomachs with woody browse. They like cedar and maple and

hobblebush also."

If more rain falls, creating an even harder crust, then deer will have a more difficult time getting around. A crust on the snow also gives an advantage to the predators.

"It is easier for wolves to run across that crust," Kinsman pointed out.

The MNR maintains a snow station in the Hindon deer yard, (the largest in Haliburton County). As well, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association has set up a snow station in the Percy yard. These areas offer the shelter com-

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Where: Pinestone Resort
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Highlands Trio (country & “down east” tunes) & Celtic Jam will be performing Friday Night along with bluegrass bands Concession 23, Maple Hill, Sweetgrass, & Switchback Road.
Saturday Program is “Pure Bluegrass” with Concession 23, Maple Hill, Hard Ryde Sweetgrass, Switchback Road and Old Tradition.
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.
Contact: Lynda at 705-447-2348 or email bluegrassinthehighlands@gmail.com

TLDSB Parent Forums
When: Feb. 28, from 10 to 11 a.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. at the high school.
All parents/guardians with students attending schools in Trillium Lakelands District School Board are invited to attend open forum discussions with Director of Education, Larry Hope. Your feedback can help determine next steps in planning for the 2018-2019 school year.
2018Parents are asked to complete a quick registration form at <http://bit.ly/parentforums>

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Maker Hub days with Community of Making Animator
When: March 1, March 22, 10:30 am to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Dysart Branch Maker Hub, Centre for Making at HSAD, Sticks & Stones Production and Canoe FM by call N. Marziali at the Dysart Branch Library at 705-457-2241.
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Minden Legion Events
Karaoke - March 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Gord Kidd - March 3, 2 to 5 p.m. Food available, admission by donation.
Monthly Sunday Euchre - March 4 at 12 p.m.

Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes first tapping ceremony
When: Saturday, March 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: 1255 Peterson Rd in Carnarvon (Minden Hills)

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, March 14, 10:30 am to 12:30 p.m.
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Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days 2018
Reptile Road Show
When: Saturday March 17, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring a variety of snakes and turtles for us to see, touch and learn about. It's a chance to get up close and personal with some amazing reptiles. The show starts right at 10:00am. Tickets must be purchased online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca under the Events tab, or at our office, call 705-457-3700. Funded in part by TD Friends of the Environment.
Admission \$15 adult, \$10 child 12 and under, family pass \$30.

U-Links, Centre for Community Based Research is hosting its annual Celebration of Research
When: Saturday, March 24, 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Minden Hospital Auditorium, 6 Mcpherson Street Minden, ON
Guest Speakers: Tom Phillips, Julie Davis
For more information contact: Sonja Marx at smarx@ulinks.ca or call 705-286-2411

Dorset Snowball a smash

DORSETNEWS
Lee Ross
burgesslt@me.com


The 2018 Dorset Snowball winter carnival happened last weekend in Dorset. The event kicked off on Friday night with a family skating party at the Dorset Ice Palace and continued the next morning with a pancake breakfast and the annual Snowball parade. Throughout the day carnival goers sang karaoke, ate delicious food, bounced around in giant inflatable orbs, rode ponies, listened to bird calls, tobogganed down a hill in sleds made of cardboard and caught up with old friends. The weather was absolutely perfect, you couldn't have asked for a better day, especially if you were one of the brave souls who suited up and jumped in to Lake of Bays for the annual Polar Plunge. Around 2:30 p.m. the hockey shootout that was to take place turned in to a game of shinny. As the sun set and the temperature dropped, Ron Ryan dropped the puck at the annual Hockey Night In Dorset hockey game. The Dorset Hounds beat Lake of Bays and some people probably had a difficult time moving the next morning.



Above, as the sun set and the temperature dropped, Ron Ryan dropped the puck at the annual Hockey Night In Dorset hockey game. The Dorset Hounds beat Lake of Bays.
Right, the annual Snowball parade.

When most people were thinking of heading to bed after a great weekend, 12 people slept in quinzees at the Dorset Pavilion and raised over \$22,000 to be split between the Dorset Community Health Hub and Huntsville Hospital Foundation. The goal was \$20,000 and it was hit early Saturday afternoon, with donations still coming in. Very few people slept and some moved their sleeping bags next to the bonfire while others sat around it talking all night. At seven on Sunday morning Mel from the Moose B & B brought over hot coffee and fresh muffins and then some headed over to Penny McEachern's for pancakes, sausage and bacon.
Sunday was another beautiful day and some people hit the trails for what might be the last weekend of snowmobiling, while others met up for a game of shinny at the rink or to make use of Dorset's toboggan hill. There was lots of talk throughout the weekend of the rain were being threatened with and Monday morning started off beautiful with the rain beginning just as cars started heading out of Dorset towards home.
Happy birthday to Sarah Jane Johnson, Lee Ross and Aubrey Keown. Happy anniversary to Ted and Gail Hope. For birthdays and submissions, please submit them to burgesslt@me.com.





NOTICE

2018 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216, the County of Haliburton enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the County roadways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216:

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act and County of Haliburton By-Law #2216, reduced loading will be in effect in the County of Haliburton effective 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2018.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act and the By-Law, unless otherwise specified, are not valid on any County Roads during the Reduced Loads Period.

Reduced load limits will be in effect where and when signs are posted.

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On and after March 1st, check the County of Haliburton website www.haliburtoncounty.ca under "Notices" to see when reduced load limits are in effect and when they are lifted. Or consult our new Road Closures App. under the GIS Maps tab.

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Position: Seasonal Camp Cleaner

Job Type: Seasonal: End of June until the beginning of September
Location: Camp Kandalore **Wage:** \$14.00 Hourly

Description: Camp Kandalore is looking to hire four candidates to be our cleaning crew this summer. Located 12 minutes North of Carnarvon off of Highway 35, we are a co-ed residential summer camp for campers aged 6-16. Since 1947 Kandalore has offered an exemplary camp program and has a rich history of paddling and canoe tripping. Check us out at www.kandalore.com. We provide food and lodging, access to camp equipment, and a beautiful property to explore.

The Role: Camp Kandalore is looking for four hard-working, positive and reliable people to be our cleaning crew this summer. The general duties of the cleaning crew include:

- Supply washrooms and other common areas with necessary materials
- Cleaning of camp common areas including washrooms and shower facilities
- Assisting maintenance staff with the upkeep of the camp facilities
- Painting and other minor repairs of camp structures


Requirements:

- Must enjoy working outside and being part of a fun loving community
- Willing to work six days a week, afternoons, and weekends
- Able to lift 25lbs continuously and work in a physically demanding environment
- Able to work as a positive member of a team as well as independently

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Position: Groundskeeper / Cleaner

Job Type: Seasonal with potential for an extension
Location: Algonquin Highlands, Ontario **Wage:** \$14.00 Hourly

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- Garbage collection and transportation of garbage to nearby landfill sites
- Supply washrooms and other common areas with necessary materials
- Assisting maintenance staff with the upkeep of the camp facilities
- Painting and other minor repairs of camp structures, building basic storage boxes, canoe racks, paddle racks, shelving units etc.

Requirements:

- An appreciation for the environment and outdoor education
- Willing to work six days a week, afternoons, and weekends
- 21 years of age with a class G driver's licence
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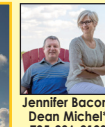


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Not a typical beauty pageant, Greer says



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to cover the cost of the resources she will need to compete. She said she also needs to raise a \$100 contribution for the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer Foundation. Since the pageant's inception in 2006, Greer said they have collectively raised over \$247,000. Greer said her goal is to raise as much money as possible for the foundation. Although she has set a personal goal of fundraising \$1,200 by March 25, Greer said she is striving to surpass that goal and raise as much money as possible, because she believes, "Children who are impacted by cancer, as well as their families, should be provided with the best treatments possible."

Having volunteered with several community events – 30-hour Hunger Famine, We Day Family and Can-Skate programs to name a few – Greer is no stranger to volunteerism and fundraising. Last year, she said she had the opportunity to volunteer with We Day in Toronto as a "crowd pumper." This position entailed keeping the crowd on their feet and excited for the duration of the event. Greer's enthusiasm for making her community and the world a better place has not gone unnoticed. She has been recognized for her service to the community as a youth activist, receiving awards from the City of Kawartha Lakes, and the province of Ontario. As a past victim of bullying, Greer said she understands how a simple act of kindness can help someone who is having a bad day. Since her time in elementary school, she remembers feeling a powerful desire to embrace this kindness and help others.

As part of the pageant, delegates will take part in several workshops focused on promoting positive body image, exercise, confidence and public speaking. Greer is planning to use the public speaking portion of the competition to raise awareness of an issue she holds close to her heart – mental health. She explained that her drive to help others have their voices heard stems from her experience in speaking to audiences about mental illness. In the past, Greer said she has had individuals twice, and even three times her age approach her after speaking to tell her how moved they were by her courage to share her experiences.

"A 60-year-old man once approached me after I

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Music has helped me through so much and has helped shape me into the person I am today.

— JORDYN GREER

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spoke, with tears in his eyes, and told me about his own personal experience with mental illnesses," she said.

"He had been dealing with depression for 35 years, and said to me that after all that time, he had never felt less alone than after he heard me speak. He told me to never give up public speaking and being an advocate of mental health, because even though I was only 17 at the time, I had made a huge impact on his life. He told me that I was a miracle."

Greer said she is also extremely passionate about music and the arts. As a singer/songwriter and a musician who plays several instruments, she finds great joy in creating and listening to music. Greer is hopeful that she will one day be able to fuse her career goal of becoming a professional musician with her devotion to helping others.

"Music has helped me through so much and has helped shape me into the person I am today," said Greer.

"If I were somehow able to create a career out of music, I would be set for life; and this is what I am trying to do. I would like to incorporate music and public speaking to help others who need it. This is my idea of fun."

To support Greer in her fundraising initiative and her bid to become Miss North Ontario visit her Go Fund Me page, or contact 705-306-3350.

Minden's Jordyn Greer will be travelling to Sudbury in May to compete in the 13th annual Miss North Ontario pageant. Greer, who's volunteered with a number of community organizations, says the competition is about far more than physical beauty. /Photo submitted

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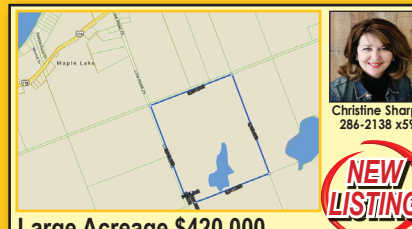
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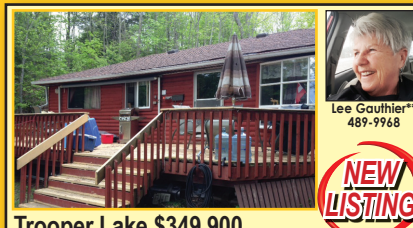
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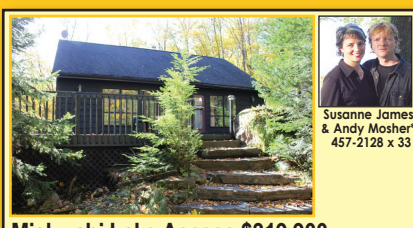
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